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In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Serial No.: 09/921,851 ) Examiner: B. Snow  
Filed: August 3, 2001 )  
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE )  
CONFIGURATION )

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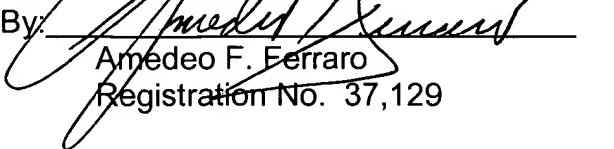
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